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## Kids Against Crime

### Pack Committee

**Why Kids Against Crime for the Core Value Honesty.** Crime is often an act of dishonesty. Kids Against Crime focuses on the opposite of dishonesty—honesty. Honesty is all about telling the truth and being a person worthy of trust.

### BEFORE THE MEETING

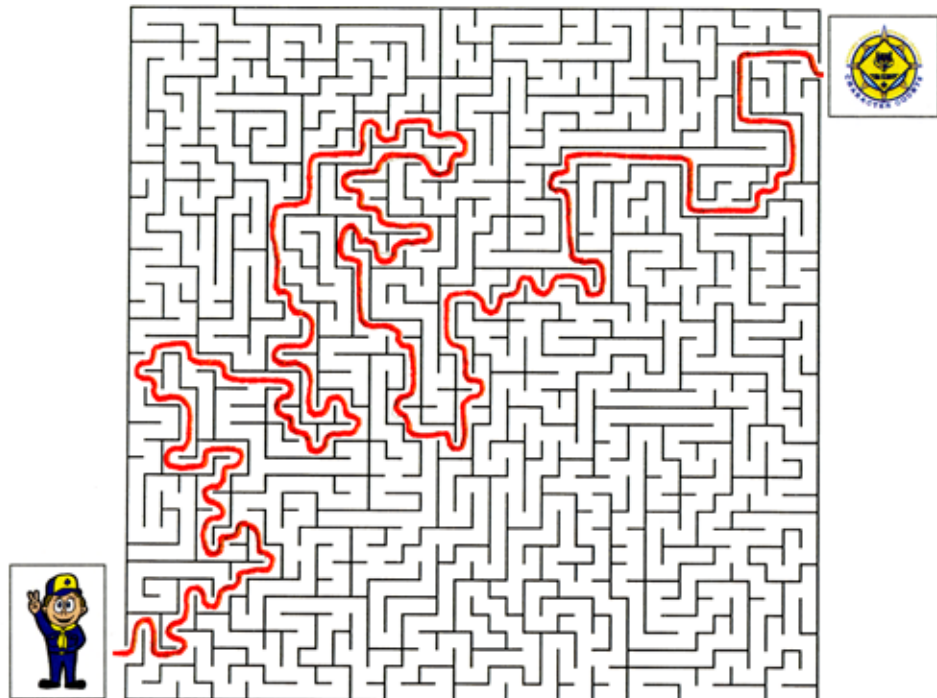
Make sure you have all the materials ready: flags for the flag ceremony, awards for Scouts, copies of the Honesty Is the Best Policy maze, and pencils. Set up tables for den displays. The den displays can focus on summertime activities in which the Scouts participated, including day camp and resident camp activities. The Cubmaster and den leaders should help Scouts set up the displays.

If the Cubmaster is going to invite a law enforcement officer to attend the pack meeting, the visit must be scheduled in advance. The officer needs to know the time and place of the meeting and what is expected of him or her, specifically that the presentation should be about crime prevention with an emphasis on honesty.

### GATHERING

Hand out copies of the “Honesty Is the Best Policy” maze found at the end of this meeting plan. Make sure all the boys have pencils. Here is the key.

Help the Cub Scout find his way to the Character Counts emblem.





## **OPENING**

### ***Pledge of Allegiance***

Have the preassigned den present the flags.

Prepare seven shields that look like a detective's shield made out of gold poster board. The letters of the word "HONESTY" should be printed in large capital letters on the front of the shield (one letter per shield), and the corresponding words printed on the back. Have a preassigned den present the following skit.

CUB SCOUT 1: H is for *HONOR*, exhibiting a strong moral character.

CUB SCOUT 2: O is for *ONE*. The decision made by one person can make a difference in the lives of many.

CUB SCOUT 3: N is for *NEVER* telling a lie. Honesty is always the best policy.

CUB SCOUT 4: E is for *ENFORCEMENT*, as in the law enforcement officers who help to keep us safe.

CUB SCOUT 5: S is for *SCOUTS*—Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, and Venturers—all doing the right thing each and every time.

CUB SCOUT 6: T is for *TRUSTWORTHY*, the first point of the Scout Law and what every Scout should strive to be.

CUB SCOUT 7: Y is for *YOU*, the person who can make a difference by practicing honesty.

### ***Prayer (Cub Scout or Leader)***

"Help me keep the Cub Scout Promise and help me to be a person who always tells the truth and is worthy of the trust that others place in me."

### ***Welcome and Introductions***

The Cubmaster welcomes new families, introduces them to the pack, and thanks those who helped prepare for and plan the pack meeting.

The Cubmaster then introduces the law enforcement officer who is the guest presenter.

## **PROGRAM**

Ask the officer to give a presentation about crime prevention that emphasizes the importance of honesty.

CUBMASTER: "Pack, let us give a special thank you to Officer\_\_\_\_\_. Let's give the Grand Salute Applause." (The Grand Salute Applause can be found on page 5-10 of the *Cub Scout Leader How-To Book*.)

If you do not have a guest speaker, a preassigned den can perform the following skit.

### ***Standing Up to Crime***

(from Baloo's Bugle and Crossroads of America Council)

Equipment: A Cub Scout handbook (to be used as a prop)

Personnel: Seven Cub Scouts

(The first boy holds the handbook and then passes it to the next Scout as the lines are read.)

CUB SCOUT 1: As boys and their families joined Cub Scouts, they learned the Cub Scout Promise.

CUB SCOUT 2: When we say we'll do something, that is a promise. We promise to obey the law of the Pack.



CUB SCOUT 3: Then we promise to do our duty to God. This means we honestly express our relationship to a higher power and its importance in guiding us.

CUB SCOUT 4: Then we promise to do our duty to our country. This means we should do what we can for our country, be proud that we are Americans, and obey the laws of the land.

CUB SCOUT 5: Next we promise to help other people, which means you should do things for others that would make something better for them.

CUB SCOUT 6: Lastly, we promise to obey our leaders and parents. All of this, we promise to do.

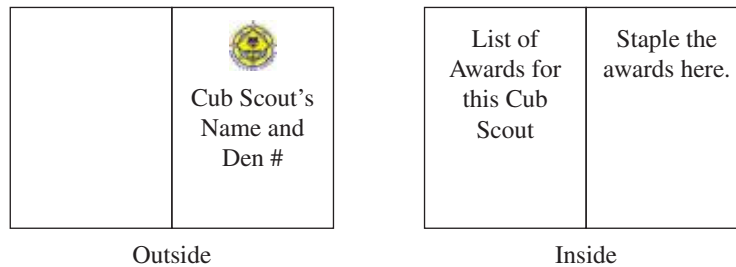
CUB SCOUT 7: We make and keep these promises because we are Cub Scouts. Cub Scouts keep their promises because they are young men who are true to their word.

CUBMASTER: Please rise and join us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### RECOGNITION

If the Cubmaster invited a law enforcement officer to the meeting, this is a great opportunity to have that person help the Cubmaster hand out awards.

Using a half sheet of construction paper and the following guide, make a “detective’s shield” holder. List the awards on the inside left and staple the awards on the inside right. Be sure to put each boy’s name on the outside. You can make each den’s shield holder a different color to aid in organization.



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You might want to consider using this clip art on the outside of the award holder above the Cub Scout’s name.

CUBMASTER: “Tonight we would like to congratulate boys in the pack for the awards they have earned over the last month.”

The Cubmaster then calls each Cub Scout and his parent or guardian to the front of the room to receive his award. Be sure to call each boy by name.

After presenting the boys with their awards, say the following:

CUBMASTER: “Cub Scouts, you have earned many different awards tonight. You have shown some of the same traits that police officers show when they earn their badges or shields, most especially the trait of honesty. Being honest means telling the truth and doing the right thing. Remember, as Cub Scouts we always strive to be young men worthy of the trust that others place in us. Please give the Cub Scout sign and join me in the Law of the Pack.”

### Cubmaster’s Minute

American businessman Joseph Sugarman once said, “Each time you are honest and conduct yourself with honesty, a success force will drive you toward greater success. Each time you lie, even with a little white lie, there are strong forces pushing you toward failure.” We gain our strength and ability to live not from the days when everything goes right. But rather, it is from days that are full of problems. May we always do the right thing every day, no matter who’s looking.

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The preassigned den retires the flags.

## **CLOSING**

A preassigned den sings the following song to the tune of “Sing a Song of Sixpence.”

We’re a pack of Cub Scouts,

We’re honest, proud, and true.

We always keep our word,

In what we say and do.

Because Cub Scouts are honest,

They help to keep the peace.

Isn’t this a grand ol’ way

To help our own police?

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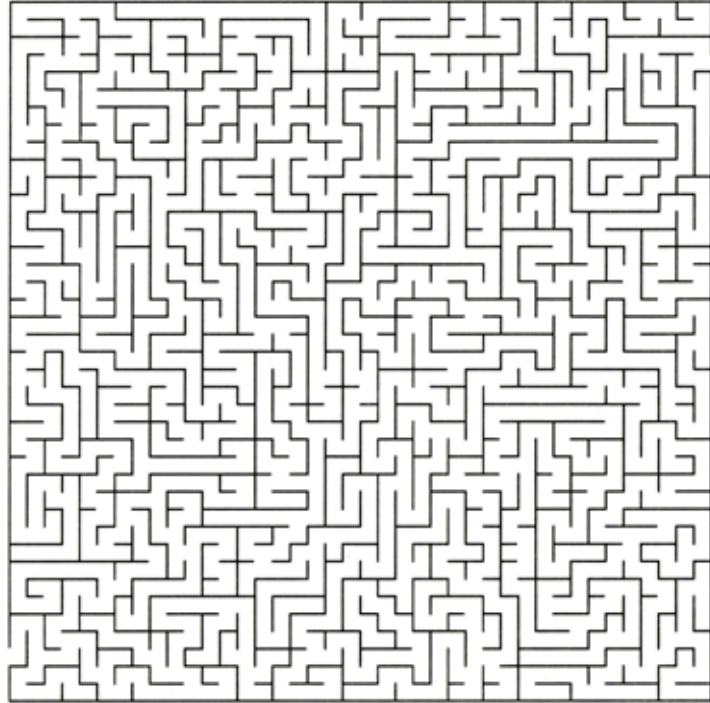
## HONESTY IS THE BEST POLICY

Cub Scouts,

As you complete this maze, remember that the focus this month is on honesty. Honesty means telling the truth, doing the right thing, and being a person worthy of trust.

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This maze was created using [Puzzlemaker at DiscoveryEducation.com](https://www.discoveryeducation.com/puzzlemaker).